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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR – 2 YEARS

Hampton Howard	Term Expires 2008
Rory Goff, Deputy	Appointed

SELECTMEN – 3 YEARS

Chester S. Bowles, Chairman	Term Expires 2008
Carl F. Newton	Term Expires 2009
Harry J. Dermody	Term Expires 2010

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT

Will Fenno	Appointed

TOWN CLERK – 1 YEAR

Mary Ellen Bushnell	Term Expires 2008

TREASURER – 1 YEAR

Susan Bowles	Term Expires 2008

TAX COLLECTOR

Sally Dermody	Appointed
Mary Ellen Bushnell, Deputy	Appointed

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS – 3 YEARS

Patricia Jacobson	Term Expires 2010
John MacEachran	Term Expires 2008
Jack Ogren	Term Expires 2009

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST – 6 YEARS

Susan Bowles	Term Expires 2012
Elizabeth MacEachran	Term Expires 2011
Virginia Ogren	Term Expires 2008

PLANNING BOARD – APPOINTED

Floyd Backes, Chairman	Term Expires 2010
Mitchell Call	Term Expires 2008
Gerald DeBonis	Term Expires 2009
Mark Fernald	Term Expires 2008
Will Fenno, Alternate	Term Expires 2009

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - APPOINTED

Richard Dufresne, Chairman	Term Expires 2008
Diane Callahan	Term Expires 2008
Harry Dermody	Term Expires 2008
Beth Fernald	Term Expires 2010
James Martens	Term Expires 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – APPOINTED

Elizabeth LaRose, Chairman	Term Expires 2009
Kenneth Callahan	Term Expires 2010
Karen DeBonis	Term Expires 2010
Donald Hart	Term Expires 2010
John MacEachran	Term Expires 2010
Anne Fischer, Alternate	Term Expires 2011

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE – APPOINTED

Donald Hart

ROAD AGENT – APPOINTED

Peter Paris

BUILDING SITE INSPECTOR – APPOINTED

Timothy Groesbeck

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – 3 YEARS

Barton D. Goodeve	Term Expires 2009

FOREST FIRE WARDENS – APPOINTED

Kenneth Callahan
Francis Guptill, Deputy
Peter Paris, Deputy

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR – APPOINTED

Robert Greenwood

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire, in the County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Sharon Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 11:00 in the forenoon to ballot for Town Officers, and other questions required by law to be decided by ballot. The polls will be closed at 7:00 P.M. The business meeting will start at 8:00 P.M. on the same date at the Sharon Meeting House.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to set the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto:

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Selectmen	$1,800 per year
Selectmen's Assistant	$18 per hour
Town Clerk	$2,800 per year plus fees
Deputy Town Clerk	$600 per year
Collector of Taxes	$2,800 per year plus fees
Deputy Collector of Taxes	$600 per year
Treasurer	$1,800 per year
Trustees of Trust Funds	$50 per year
Moderator	$40 per session
Deputy Moderator	$450 per year
Supervisors of the Checklist	$450 per year
Fire Warden	$150 per year
Deputy Fire Wardens	$100 per year
Building Site Inspector	$75 per permit issued
Emergency Management Director	$500 per year
Emergency Management Director for disaster management	$25 per hour, not to exceed $500

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
4130	Executive	18,000
4140	Election and Registration	11,500
4150	Financial Administration	19,000
4153	Legal Expenses	13,700
4191	Planning and Zoning	3,000
4194	General Government Building	2,500
4195	Cemeteries	1,000
4196	Insurance	2,700
4215	Ambulance	4,791
4220	Fire	40,506
4240	Building Site Inspection	450
4290	Emergency Management	2,100
4300	Highways	70,500
4316	Street Lighting	275
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	33,755
4411	Health Administration	200
4414	Animal Control	250
4441	Welfare	4,000
4619	Conservation Commission	740
4711	Principal on Long Term Note	25,282
4721	Interest on Long Term Note	9,710
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation	300

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $518 for Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $475 for Monadnock Family Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,950 for appraisal services including general assessing, data verification and statistical update, Account 4150, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,400 to be placed in the Assessment Reserve Fund Account 4913.5 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish a reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of indemnifying the Town's officers and employees from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, arising from claims, demands, suits or judgments by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property while acting within the scope of their office or employment; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be placed in such reserve fund; (3) to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend; or (4) to take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Fund, Account 4913.2 previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in the Town Highway Repairs Fund 4913.3 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,800 to be paid to the Peterborough Town Library for providing Library services for the Town, Account 4550, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 to be paid to the Town of Peterborough for providing Police services for the Town, Account 4210, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To transact any other business which legally shall come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at said Sharon, this 19th day of February, 2008.

Chester S. Bowles | Carl F. Newton | Harry J. Dermody

SELECTMEN OF SHARON

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: SHARON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 19, 2008

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

MS-6 Budget - Town of Sharon FY 2008

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	3	16,000	14,178	18,000	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	3	8,500	10,283	11,500	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	3	23,000	19,011	19,000	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense	3	4,000	5,049	13,700	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration					
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	3	4,000	1,269	3,000	
4194	General Government Buildings	3	4,000	1,589	2,500	
4195	Cemeteries	3	1,000	898	1,000	
4196	Insurance	3	1,900	2,209	2,700	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.					
4199	Other General Government					
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police					
4215-4219	Ambulance	3	3,542	4,039	4,791	
4220-4229	Fire	3	39,151	39,251	40,506	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	3	450	375	450	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3	1,840	2,161	2,100	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	3	9,000	12,856	17,500	
4312	Highways & Streets	3	53,000	78,784	53,000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	3	275	254	275	
4319	Other					
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	3	32,155	32,155	33,755	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	3	200	0	200	
4414	Pest Control	3	100	205	250	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	3	3,000	1,000	4,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					
4550-4559	Library					
4583	Patriotic Purposes					
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation	3	665	665	740	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	24,510	30,519	25,282	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	15,138	9,129	9,710	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3	300	0	300	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund*					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds*					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		245,726	265,879	264,259	

* Use special warrant article section on next page.

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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserv e funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the w arrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4913	Assessment Reserve	7	2,400	2,400	2,400	
4913	Indemnification Res	8	0	0	5,000	
4913	Bridge Fund	9	0	0	10,000	
4913	Highway Repair Fund	10	10,000	10,000	10,000	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	27,400	XXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special w arrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature y ou wish to address individually.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	4,5	978	978	993	
4150	Assessing	6	3,950	2,213	3,950	
4550	Library	11	7,276	6,256	6,800	
4210	Police	12	35,297	35,297	50,000	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	61,743	XXXXXXXXX

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		2,000	5,881	6,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		1,500	6,379	3,000
	Inventory Penalties		200	330	200
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)		0	0	200
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		63,000	63,462	61,000
3230	Building Permits		450	375	450
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,500	4,338	3,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		0	44,495	0
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		2,500	2,551	2,500
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		14,000	16,039	15,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		17,509	17,509	18,141
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		200	188	200
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments				
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		14,000	15,069	14,000
3503-3509	Other		1,000	5,500	0

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		1,000	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		5,000	4,340	0
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		124,859	186,456	123,691

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	245,726	264,259
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	12,400	27,400
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	47,501	61,743
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	305,627	353,402
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	124,859	123,691
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	180,768	229,711

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Sharon Year Ending 2007

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx			
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	35,345.00		
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx			
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	793,958.00	
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120	28,250.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	5,881.21	
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187		
Utility Charges	#3189		

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	476.00			
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120	800.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187				
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	175.53	2,039.97		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 829,540.74	$ 37,384.97	$	$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Sharon Year Ending 2007

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) 2006		
Property Taxes	764,673.45	12,366.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	22,250.00			
Yield Taxes	5,881.21			
Interest (include lien conversion)	175.53	2,039.97		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		22,979.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	800.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	29,760.55			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	6,000.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 829,540.74	$ 37,384.97	$	$

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Sharon Year Ending 2007

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2006	PRIOR LEVIES 2005	2004 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		14,249.13	3,175.19	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	24,584.70			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	1,050.95	2,534.56	1,186.90	
TOTAL DEBITS	$25,635.65	$ 16,783.69	$ 4,362.09	$

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Redemptions		10,698.94	12,834.24	3,175.19	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	1,050.95	2,534.56	1,186.90	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	13,885.76	1,414.89	-0-	
TOTAL CREDITS		$25,635.65	$ 16,783.69	$ 4,362.09	$

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Sally T. Dermody DATE 1/11/08

Trustees of Trust Funds

Patricia Jacobson
Jack Ogren
John MacEachran

The trustees of Trust funds meet the first Thursday of January, April, July, and October.
All trust funds and reserve accounts are invested with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, a low risk investment pool of short term interest bearing securities.
Below are the accounts and balances managed by the Trustees, as of 12/31/07.

Account Name	Posted Balance	Portfolio
WIRLING GREGG FUND	$316.31	New Hampshire PDIP
NEWTON FAMILY CEM	$162.55	New Hampshire PDIP
ROYCE CEMETERY	$318.95	New Hampshire PDIP
BACON CEMETERY	$633.64	New Hampshire PDIP
JOHN B. SHEDD CEM	$479.49	New Hampshire PDIP
WAITE E. WILSON	$525.89	New Hampshire PDIP
FLOSSIE E. WILSON	$525.89	New Hampshire PDIP
EDITH WILSON	$834.67	New Hampshire PDIP
D&C WILSON CEMETERY	$135.24	New Hampshire PDIP
ELLEN A. WILSON	$634.50	New Hampshire PDIP
KENTON M. YOUNG CEM	$633.87	New Hampshire PDIP
G&MR WILSON CEMETERY	$133.83	New Hampshire PDIP
TAYLOR FAMILY CEM	$414.46	New Hampshire PDIP
KEENE FAMILY CEM	$414.46	New Hampshire PDIP
DONAWAY FAMILY TRUST	$377.52	New Hampshire PDIP
WILSON FUND (MCCOY)	$8,823.30	New Hampshire PDIP
WILSON FUND(JARMANY)	$6,980.73	New Hampshire PDIP
WM YOUNG-SCHOOLHOUSE	$3,113.78	New Hampshire PDIP
WILSON II FUND	$47,522.02	New Hampshire PDIP
BRIDGE RESERVE	$46,928.29	New Hampshire PDIP
ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE	$32,887.13	New Hampshire PDIP
HIGHWAY STORAGE BLDG FUND	$45,774.37	New Hampshire PDIP
ASSESSMENT RESERVE FUND	$7,780.51	New Hampshire PDIP
	$206,351.40	

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

Certified Public Accountants

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Manchester, New Hampshire 03101
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Board of Selectmen
Town of Sharon, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2007, included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United Stated of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

February 22, 2008

Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

	Account number (a)	Modified Accrual Beginning of year (b)	Modified Accrual End of year (c)
A. ASSETS			
1. Current assets			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	$ 525,811	$ 501,102
b. Investments	1030		
c. Taxes receivable *(See worksheet, page 12)*	1080	35,345	35,760
d. Tax liens receivable *(See worksheet, page 12)*	1110	16,945	14,801
e. Accounts receivable	1150	2,897	
f. Due from other governments	1260		
g. Due from other funds	1310	850	519
h. Other current assets	1400		
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
j. **TOTAL ASSETS** *(Should equal line B3)*		$ 581,848	$ 552,182
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	$ 3,194	$ 16,499
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070		
e. Due to school districts	2075	244,443	238,591
f. Due to other funds	2080	210,079	217,224
g. Deferred revenue	2220		6,000
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270		
k. **TOTAL LIABILITIES**		$ 457,716	$ 478,314
2. Fund equity			
a. Reserve for encumbrances *(Please detail on page 10)*	2440	$	$ 15,205
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations *(Detail on page 10)*	2450		
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes *(Please detail on page 10)*	2490	410	
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	123,722	58,663
f. **TOTAL FUND EQUITY**		$ 124,132	$ 73,868
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY *(Should equal line A1j)*		$ 581,848	$ 552,182

TOWN CLERK REPORT
Year ending 12/31/2007

Month	Auto Registrations	MA Fees	Dog Licenses	Misc. Income	Adjust ments	Total Collected
January	6043.00	152.50	58.50	0.00	0.00	6254.00
February	7082.00	122.50	28.00	4.00	0.00	7236.50
March	5436.00	105.00	47.50	0.00	0.00	5588.50
April	5215.00	137.50	129.00	0.00	0.00	5481.50
May	5130.00	115.00	47.50	20.00	0.00	5312.50
June	5308.00	97.50	113.00	5.00	0.00	5523.50
July	5614.00	105.00	31.00	0.00	0.00	5750.00
August	7460.00	132.50	19.50	0.00	0.00	7612.00
September	3530.00	92.50	6.50	0.00	0.00	3629.00
October	2835.00	82.50	13.00	5.00	0.00	2935.50
November	3508.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3613.00
December	6145.00	132.50	15.00	12.00	0.00	6304.50
TOTALS	**63306.00**	**1380.00**	**508.50**	**46.00**	**0.00**	**65240.50**

Motor vehicle registrations issued: 552

Vital records issued: 1 (birth certificate)
Effective April 26, 2007, the town clerk went online with the New Hampshire State Department of Vital Records. Residents may come to the Sharon Meeting House to obtain copies of certificates of Birth, Marriage, Civil Union, and Death. Residents may also apply for Marriages and Civil Unions.

Dog licenses issued: 88
All dogs and wolf hybrids must have a current rabies certificate on file with the town and be licensed by April 30, 2008. Per RSA 466:13, a penalty of $25 will be imposed for any dog or wolf hybrid not licensed by June 1, 2008.

Office hours: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Sharon Meeting House.

Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk Office: 924-9250 Home: 924-3029

The above information is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
--SHARON--
01/01/2007 – 12/31/2007

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

SFN	Child's Name	Date Of Birth	Place Of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
2007004091	Osgood, Mia Elizabeth	04/20/2007	Peterborough, NH	Osgood, William	Osgood, Audrie
2007004337	Solovei, Sean Michael	04/26/2007	Peterborough, NH	Solovei, Brian	Solovei, Lori

SHARON TOWN BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Mother's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	City of Residence
06/15/2007	Cyr-Underwood, Judah Shanti	Cyr, Julie Anne	Cyr	Sharon

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2007004144	Haley, Timothy J	Gardner, MA	Docekal, Kirsten M.	Sharon, NH	Peterborough	Conway	07/14/2007

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

SFN	Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
2007005563	Cahill, Cheryl	07/14/2007	Peterborough,	Shorrock, Richard	Whitney, Lois	No

"World's Most Powerful Government"

From the Selectmen

Most of you know that long-time Sharon resident Don Sullivan died last year soon after moving from Sharon to Georgia. Anne has been going through Don's files and recently sent a newspaper clipping which she felt should be added to the Town's archives—indeed it will.

The article describes the Sharon Town Meeting of 1985. It is a wonderful story of small town government. But, more important, it touches on the fact that our government can only work when people are willing to do their part to help in the process.

Most towns are finding it increasingly difficult to find candidates for office. And, because of its small population, Sharon has an even more difficult time than our larger neighbors.

Enjoy the article. Please pay special attention, though, to the names of the people who have served Sharon in the past (some of the people in the article are still serving in various capacities). These are people who have given their time and talents to help make sure our little town continues to thrive and prosper. But, the need continues. From serving as Selectman to serving on one of the Town's boards to volunteering for various tasks, Sharon needs you. Yes, you!

Sharon moderator James Milton Street swears in Karen Shea Dufresne as town clerk

In the little old brick schoolhouse on the side of Route 123, a few more than 40 Sharon voters crammed into old school desks and chairs and did their annual Town Meeting business in slightly over an hour last night.

The toughest task of the evening came with selection and election of the new town clerk, Karen Shea Dufresne.

Even the picture of Abraham Lincoln on the school wall seemed to smile at the pleasantness of everything.

Earlier, James Milton Street, the town's moderator, noted that Joann Blanchette did not want re-election. A name was suggested, but the lady in question wasn't yet a town resident. After a conference, it was agreed she couldn't serve.

Maybe someone can be "pinned up against the wall" and will agree to do it, suggested Moderator Street, and passed over the item for a time. Well, hard in the corner against two walls was Mrs. Dufresne. Before she was chosen, she volunteered. She was elected unanimously.

She will be available from 5-6 p.m. Monday evenings and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, she said, but asked that people call her before coming at 924-3195, "so I can be sure the house is clean."

In fact, it was a very unanimous meeting. All the 16 articles were approved that way after some explanations by the selectmen or highway agent. The Peterborough connection for schools, library and fire protection was fussed over, but all the levies were approved without dissent.

When Carl Day, one of the Supervisors of the voting checklist, said he didn't want to serve another term, Diane Callahan was nominated.

"She's a Democrat," someone said, followed by a few chuckles. Since she came a bit late from another meeting, that action was also slightly delayed, too. Then, Democrat or whatever, she was elected unanimously.

Other[s] elected or re-elected were Mr. Street; Selectman, Henry Huber; Treasurer, Pearl Stevens; Collector of Taxes, Sarah Little; Highway Agent, Walter Somero; Trustee of Trust Funds, Andy Peterson; and Board of Adjustment member, Doug Smith.

A Hint of Controversy

It wouldn't have been a Town Meeting without at least a shadow of controversy. That came when one lady asked if a leash law might be in order. She said that when she takes her dog out on a leash other dogs are a nuisance.

On the other side of the room, another lady asked how anyone would feel if he or she had to go around tied to a rope by some huge being, winding up declaring, "It's cruel."

From near the Lincoln picture, it was suggested there be a study committee named. Moderator Street said the motion was to have the selectmen name the committee, however, a selectman noted that the motion was to have the moderator do it. The motion passed.

In a fine opening talk, Mr. Street welcomed everyone. He said he would be very lenient and would only insist that the discussion go through the chair and that people be recognized to speak if things became unfriendly.

The Most Powerful Government

"You are the government," he told the meeting. "You elect your officers, approve the budget and the articles on the warrant. You Sharon voters are the most powerful government in the world."

"If you don't agree with any ruling I make, you can appeal it," he said, and "if 51 percent of you think I'm out of order, I won't be hurt. You have and you are the authority."

And there, seated over [by] the wall under the Abe Lincoln picture, was Abe Collier, retired chief executive of a little multi-billion dollar outfit known as New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., and undoubtedly happy he never had to cope with tough ones like the dog problem when he presided over the New England Life annual meetings.

The Monadnock Ledger
Wednesday, March 26, 1985

ROAD AGENT REPORT
2007

Winter Season: Starting December 2007 to February 2008-A very unusual December with a combination of rain, freezing rain, sleet, snow and a mixture of it all, causing very slippery conditions on our roads and making it difficult to maintain at times. Our sand source, the Peterborough Highway Barn, is open Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., unless weather related. Then they are called in by dispatch because of slippery conditions. This presents several problems for our town. There have been at least 6 times during these two months when we were unable to treat our slippery roads. We had to wait for Peterborough to open up before our source was available. On weekends, they might not be available at all. Sharon's conditions can vary from Peterborough's because we are at a higher elevation. It is essential that we make our roads safe for the transport of our students and the driving public. We can't have our roads icy and slippery and we *shouldn't.* I feel we should have our own source of sand/salt mix in our town.

Our town should have its own storage shed to respond quickly in order to treat our roads during icy and slippery conditions to make it safe for travel. I believe that, because of climate change, our winter seasons are getting unpredictable. The economy is also a factor because things are getting more costly with higher oil prices etc., and it doesn't appear that prices will be going down in the near future

Spring 2007: A cold April brought about a tally of 16″ of snow up until the 15th of the month. Then, we had extreme heavy rain on the 16th causing dangerous flooding conditions on our roads, rivers and streams. Ditching turned into turbulent streams and all our culverts could not handle the water flow. Several roads had to be closed because they turned into forceful rivers. After the rivers peaked out, the town sustained heavy damage to roads, shoulders, pavement and bridges areas.

The most serious damage was the flooding of the Town Line Brook/Cross Road bridge area which resulted in having to close the road until repairs were completed around Labor Day weekend. The flooding caused damage to the bridge decking and serious erosion of the road from the east side of the bridge down 150′ in length with a depth of approximately 6′. This bridge was originally built as a single lane bridge in 1938, which was never really built to proper size to handle the overflow of the river at flood stage, and not in the proper location.

Repairs started after settling with FEMA in August. The first thing necessary was to repair the decking of the old bridge in which the butting joints were blown out and had to be resealed with cement. Then approximately 1,000 yards of gravel was brought in to replace the material that was washed out. An additional 3′ in diameter x 40′ long culvert was installed to help with overflow. The road was built up an additional 3 1/2′ in height and a retainer wall 100′ in length with concrete blocks 2′ x 2′ x 6′ each were added to the upstream side on top of the road. This wall hopefully will hold back a higher volume of water from flowing over the road and help prevent future erosion. Large rocks were then laid in place on the opposite side to keep vehicles from going down the embankment.

There were many hours involved in evaluating the damage areas, phone calling, many meetings with FEMA agents which I had to negotiate, putting prices and proposals together on each damaged area. We ended up agreeing on 6 projects which included damaged sections on Mountain, Nashua, Temple, Spring Hill, McCoy and Cross Roads. The total eligible amount that was agreed upon with FEMA was $58,756 at 100% for the total amount of damages. The federal share at 75% that the town received was $44,494 to repair all projects, and the town's share at 25% amounted to $14,262. (The 25% means that the town is expected to spend their share on the project).

Once the projects are all completed, the town will be eligible for 12 1/2% reimbursement from the NH Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

Cross Road Bridge is now on the State Bridge Funding List and will be eligible for $450,000 for a new bridge replacement around the year 2013.

Again, I would like to remind residents that it is still important to maintain the road system that we've worked so hard to achieve. The town still must consider future paving and the costs associated with delaying it any longer. At today's prices, the cost per mile of paving is around $50,000+. If we fall behind and allow the roads to deteriorate, it could cost over $500,000 at today's prices to resurface the town road system, excluding the State-maintained roads. I sincerely hope that you will support future warrant articles for paving. The road system is an important part of the infrastructure of all towns and cities.

Reminder to residents: According to the Town of Sharon's Winter Road Policy:

Driveway plowing across Town roads will not be allowed. This narrows the road and compacts the snow bank, making it much more difficult for our contractors to plow and push back snow. This will be enforced by the Road Agent.

During the course of the winter, as snow depths get increasingly higher, and our roads get narrower, roads will be widened and snow pushed off to the sides as much as possible.

Town and state regulations prohibit plowing and pushing of snow across public road systems; because of the narrowing of the road, it becomes a hazard and a liability.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Paris, Road Agent

TOWN OF SHARON WINTER ROAD POLICY
(Revised 2005)

A written policy is essential to receive the full benefit of the liability protection found in RSA 231:92-a.

Sharon's Winter Road Policy is to make our roads as safe as possible during the winter season. The roads maintained by the Town of Sharon during the winter are: Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, Mountain Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Sliptown Road, Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Jaffrey/Sharon town line and Mill Road. State maintained roads are: Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road and Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Sharon/Peterborough town line.

Sharon's school bus route will be maintained first because of the need to have our roads as safe as possible for the transportation of our students.

Sharon does not use a large amount of salt. Therefore, our roads, depending on conditions, may be ice and snow covered for a period of time. The town will do its best to remove as much as possible from road surfaces by means of a grader or other equipment.

Per order of the Selectmen pursuant to RSA 41:11, the town has adopted a Winter Parking Ordinance which states that:

> No person shall park any vehicle upon any Town highway at any time of the day between November 15th and April 1st. Violation of this ordinance shall be deemed to be the responsibility of the registered owner of the vehicle.
>
> Each date during or on which a violation shall occur or continue shall be considered a separate offense. The penalty for each violation shall be $25.00. Unlawfully parked vehicles may be towed and stored at the expense of the registered owner.
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> If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

The purpose of this winter parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control methods, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts.

Per RSA 231:93, no duty is imposed on the town for the maintenance of private roads, drives, businesses or parking areas.

Roads to summer cottages are maintained during the summer only, as RSA 231:79-81 exempts the municipality from duties of winter maintenance.

Plowing our roads will not commence until snow has accumulated to a sufficient amount, unless slippery road conditions occur first. Roads will continue to be plowed according to the accumulation of snow as determined by the Road Agent. Four inches of a "cold" snow provides better traction than two inches of wet snow on a frozen road surface.

After plowing, roads will be sanded and salted if necessary, to help the covered roads melt and make our roads safe. It should be noted that salt melts snow and ice much more slowly at temperatures below 25 degrees and extremely slowly at 20 degrees; at 10 degrees its effectiveness ceases, and icy conditions will prevail until the temperature rises.

Driveway plowing across Town roads will not be allowed. This narrows the road and compacts the snow bank, making it much more difficult for our contractors to plow and push back snow. This will be enforced by the Road Agent.

During the course of the winter, as snow depths increase and our roads get narrower, roads will be widened and snow pushed off to the sides as much as possible.

The town has one part-time Road Agent who engages the services of contractors to carry out its winter maintenance operations.

For communication the town is equipped with radios and its own frequency enabling operators to communicate amongst themselves, the Emergency Management Director and a Selectman.

Emergency situations that arise during a snow event may result in the diversion of equipment at the request of a police or fire officer, emergency management director or an incident commander, from a planned snow removal route, to respond to a motor vehicle accident, fire or a medical emergency. (RSA 154:7)

The town is not held responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way (RSA 231:92-a). The right-of-way (ROW) is often 50' wide, and is often confused by property owners as their own property. In most cases, the ROW extends 10 to 20 feet from the edge of the paved or graveled road. Homeowners often cultivate extensions of their lawns, place mailboxes, erect fences or stone walls in these areas, which improves the appearance of the street greatly, but is obstructive to good roadway maintenance.

In the event of personal property damage, the Town of Sharon will only be responsible to repair or replace damaged property having been in actual contact with the snow removal equipment that is on private property and not within the public right-of-way.

RSA 215-A:6 states OHRVs are not permitted to operate on the traveled portion or within the right-of-way or any public way, including roads, streets, highways, bridges, parking lots, sidewalks or ways that are maintained by any city, town, county, state or federal agency, except when specifically allowed and posted. **It is unlawful to:**

- Operate as to endanger any person or damage property
- Operate on any road or within the right-of-way except where authorized and posted
- Chase or harass wildlife
- Operate on **town roads** or sidewalks unless posted for OHRVs
- Operate on or across any highway bridge unless posted as open for OHRVs
- Tow any person or sled without a rigid hitch.

The town does not allow snowmobiling on town roads.

It is important that people take into account and be aware of weather and road conditions while driving Sharon's roads. Please drive cautiously and safely at a reasonable rate of speed, so as not to endanger other vehicles and/or pedestrians.

TO ALL A SAFE WINTER

SHARON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2007 Members

Liz LaRose (Chair), Ken Callahan, Karen DeBonis, Don Hart, John MacEachran.

2007 Activities

Land Protection

Matthews: We are working with the Matthews family of Cross Road to place a conservation easement on his property. The Matthews are **donating** an easement of approximately 100 acres and will reserve about six acres for the homestead. This easement is very special because it will connect to several protected properties and will create a permanently protected "corridor" of land for wildlife and people to enjoy. The Matthews' land abuts the Newton easement on Spring Hill Road and the Town Forest on three sides, including a portion of "Barnes Meadow" – a beautiful old beaver pond on Meadow Brook. Funds from Sharon's Conservation Fund* will be used to offset the Matthews' costs in donating the easement. The easement will be held by the Monadnock Conservancy and executory (backup) interest in the easement will be held by the Town of Sharon. By donating a conservation easement, the Matthews' retain ownership of their property while permanently restricting its use to certain conservation purposes.

Temple Mountain: The Sharon Conservation Commission helped permanently protect Temple Mountain. Late in 2007, the 352 acre property officially became Temple Mountain State Reservation. The State will manage it for wildlife, non-motorized recreation and forestry. This is the largest state acquisition in southern New Hampshire since the 1980s. The funding for this $1 million project came from the 2007 state capital budget proposed by Governor Lynch and approved by the legislature ($435,000); the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program ($135,000); the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund ($301,367); appropriations from the towns of Temple, Peterborough, and Sharon; and nearly two hundred private donations ranging from $5 to $25,000. The Town of Sharon appropriated $10,000 from the Conservation Fund* toward this project.

Dugdale: In June of 2007, the conservation commission and the Monadnock Conservancy co-hosted a public walk on Dick and Ann Dugdale's tree farm on Jarmany Hill Road. Prior to the walk, which was led by forester Swift Corwin, the conservation commission presented the Dugdales with a commemorative sign for the entrance to their property. The walk was to honor a conservation easement that the Dugdales finalized on their Jarmany Hill Road property late in 2006. Out of their 150 acre parcel, Mr. & Mrs. Dugdale **donated** an easement of 136 acres and set 11 acres aside for their homestead. The property abuts the Town Forest on three sides and is an active tree farm. In addition, there are open fields and wetlands created by former beaver dams. Thank you, Dick and Ann for sharing your beautiful tree farm with us that morning; everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed seeing your well-cared-for and loved property!

Town Forest

We officially updated our 10-year Forest Management Plan for the Town Forest. The plan includes managed timber harvests, designated no-cut areas, as well as a new walking trail. Our Town Forest is an active tree farm, managed by the Conservation Commission with help from forester Swift Corwin. The Town Forest is open to non-motorized, low impact recreation, including walking, birding, biking, fishing and hunting. Please contact the Conservation Commission if you are interested in seeing a copy of the plan.

Conservation of "Place" & Sharon Culture

Coordinated Earth Day Town Clean Up with a focus on Route 124. Volunteers collected over 40 bags of garbage on the road. Thanks go out to everyone who volunteered a Saturday morning to help and to everyone who picked up trash on their own streets. It's because of you that our town stays beautiful!

Water/Water Quality/Wetlands

Conducted water quality testing on the Gridley River, for the seventh year in a row. This work was performed through the NH Volunteer River Assessment Program. At key points throughout the summer members of the Conservation Commission collected water samples at four sites on the Gridley River. The official Department of Environmental Services report on our water quality is soon to be published. Please feel free to contact the Conservation Commission for a photocopy.

Membership

We are happy to report that Anne Fischer joined the commission in February of 2008. Welcome Anne! We are glad to have you on our team!! The Conservation Commission is chartered for seven members. We currently have one open seat. If you are interested in joining or want to learn more about the town committee that has the most fun, please contact the Liz LaRose, Conservation Commission chair, at 924-9614.

Issues and Projects in 2008

Land Protection

Action: Continue to work with the Matthews family and the Monadnock Conservancy to complete a conservation easement on their property.

Action: Educate and encourage Sharon landowners to permanently conserve their land via conservation easements or donations to land protection organizations.

Town Forest

Action: Timber harvest is scheduled for 2008-2009 in an area near McCoy Road. Abutters will be notified in advance of the harvest.

Action: Cut a new trail in the Town Forest from Jarmany Hill Road that will access the existing trails.

Action: Maintain and re-mark existing hiking trails.

Request: Anyone interested in volunteering a morning to help clear our new trail or existing trails, please contact the Conservation Commission. We promise an enjoyable time!

Water/Water Quality/Wetlands

Action: Work with Fish and Game to see if we can encourage the native wild brook trout population on Meadow Brook in the Town Forest.

Action: Conduct the eighth year of water quality monitoring of the Gridley River.

Action: Continue to learn about aquifer and surface water protection.

Conservation of "Place" & Sharon Culture

Action: Coordinate the 2008 Roadside Cleanup, planned for Saturday, April 26. Rain Date: Saturday, May 10. This year, we will coordinate a group to clean up Route 123. Please sign up to help at Town Meeting or contact Liz LaRose at 924-9614. Landowners are encouraged to pick up trash in front of their properties. If you need blue bags for roadside trash near your property, please contact Liz LaRose.

** The Conservation Fund was established by citizen vote in 1994 for land acquisition and offsetting costs of land conservation. The fund receives 100% of the revenues collected via land use change tax. In 2005, a grant from the Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation added $25,000 to the Conservation Fund.*

The Sharon Conservation Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in The Meetinghouse.

More information about conservation issues and activities are on the Town of Sharon Web Site: www.sharonnh.org

2007 Annual Report of the Sharon Planning Board

Dear Neighbors,

There were no applications for subdivisions and no site plan approvals brought before the Planning Board during calendar year 2007. The Board was able to devote its full attention to revising the Zoning and Building Ordinance in support of the Master Plan. Copies of the draft amendments are available at the Meeting House, or they can be downloaded from http://www.sharonnh.org/documents.html.

I wish to thank Ken Callahan for his advice and comments over the past year, and I wish to thank the members of the Planning Board and our secretary for their hard work, dedication and patience throughout the revision process.

Respectfully submitted,
Floyd Backes, Chairman

Draft Amendments to Zoning and Building Ordinance

Since its adoption in 1983, Sharon's Zoning and Building Ordinance has undergone amendment from time to time to keep it up to date with regional developments and to conform with State statutes and departmental regulations.

All of these amendments have been composed by the Planning Board with advice from counsel and approved by the legislative body to address specific issues, and have consisted of revisions or additions of individual articles.

This piecemeal amendment process, while effective and in compliance with relevant statutes, has resulted in an Ordinance document that is difficult to read because of repetitions and failure to revise formatting to accommodate the revisions approved.

For the first time since 1983, the Planning Board has examined the Ordinance in its entirety for outdated wording, redundancies and formatting and typographical errors in the published document, and herewith, with counsel's advice, presents its proposed amendments for adoption on Town Meeting day, March 11, 2008.

Most proposed amendments are merely editorial revisions and textual modifications of existing wording. Those of Article V represent substantive changes to the definition, size and boundaries of wetlands in the Wetland Conservation District, and those of Article XII substantively modify the requirements for obtaining Special Exceptions in the Wetland Conservation District from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The amendment process is a collaborative effort between the Planning Board and its legal counsel and Sharon's voters. The Board encourages you to vote affirmatively for their adoption on March 11, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Planning Board

Floyd Backes, Chairman	Alan Everson
Mitchell Call	Mark Fernald
Gerald DeBonis	Will Fenno, Secretary

Report of the Fire Warden, Town of Sharon, 2007

Due to the cooperation of everyone in town, there were no wild fires in Sharon this past year. We thank you for burning brush only when conditions were safe, and for calling one of the three fire wardens for burn permits.

A reminder of the **rules for open burning** in Sharon:

All outdoor fires require a burn permit. The only exception is when it is actually raining (a steady soaking rain), or there is significant snow cover. Winter is the best and safest time for burning big brush piles. Even then, please check with a fire warden to be sure that these conditions are met. We will call Mutual Aid and tell them that a permitted fire is occurring in town.

The burning of residential trash is prohibited by the State of New Hampshire. No burn barrels are permitted. "New Hampshire law (RSA 125-N) prohibits the residential open burning of combustible domestic waste, effective January 1, 2003".

Outdoor cooking fires are allowed without a permit if they are contained off of the ground, such as in a backyard grill. Open cooking fires on the ground require a permit.

Permits for **seasonal campfires** are available. These apply only to specific locations, which must be inspected by a fire warden. These permits are automatically void when fire conditions are dangerous.

All outdoor fires, without exception, must be extinguished. No outdoor fire may be left unattended at any time. Means of controlling and extinguishing the fire must be readily available, including a sufficient quantity of water to drown the embers. You are liable for the cost of extinguishing any fire which spreads and for any damage the fire causes. Please be careful.

There is no charge for a permit. Call any of the three fire wardens at any time for a permit. If conditions, weather and location are deemed safe, a permit will be issued. If you are not sure of the local conditions or rules, call one of us for information.

Ken Callahan	Peter Paris	Francis Guptill
Fire Warden	Deputy Fire Warden	Deputy Fire Warden
924 3726	924 4078	924 3013

Emergency Management Director
2007 Report

On April 14th, 2007 I was sworn in as Emergency Management Director and I would like to thank the Town of Sharon for the appointment as EMD.

It was quite an evening. This was during the flood in April, in the evening, and with my right hand held up high to take the oath of office, when I said "I do" we lost power. It was at that time I knew I was in trouble!

The April flood was quite a rain event with five inches of rain in less than twenty four hours, leaving flooded roads, flooded fields, flooded basements, flooded swirling vortexes and the loss of a section of Cross Road near the bridge. Needless to say there was water everywhere!

In August we had a tanker drill with four fire departments to see how long it takes to truck water from the dry hydrant to the Meeting House. All went very well, and the best time to pump 2,500 gallons of water from the pond (on Route 123 at the Peterborough town line) to the Meeting House was 14.8 minutes.

There were the usual downed trees and limbs, a few cars off the road this winter and multiple car accidents. I am also working with the Peterborough Police Department on the apprehension of chronic speeders on Route 123 and Nashua Road.

I am working out of the office in the Meeting House. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 924-5777. Thank you.

Robert Greenwood

MONADNOCK FAMILY SERVICES

Inspiring hope since 1905

Monadnock Family Services
Annual Report to the Towns
For the year ended June 30th, 2007

Town of: SHARON

Monadnock Family Services provided the following services to your town's residents this last year:

Number of clients treated:	**6**
Children:	**1**
Adults:	**5**
Seniors:	**0**
Total # of appointments provided for the above residents:	**44**
Percentage of payments received for services:	**48.74%**
Discounts based on a residents ability to pay and other discounts:	**$2,154.50**
In addition to the above discounts current outstanding and uncollectible resident balances:	**$68.00**

Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services
Report to the Town of
SHARON
2007

Annual Report

In 2007, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Sharon. The following information represents HCS's activities in your community during the past twelve months.

Service Report

Services Offered	Services Provided
Nursing	41 Visits
Physical Therapy	9 Visits
Occupational Therapy	3 Visits
Medical Social Work	6 Visits
Home Health Aide	1 Visit
Homemaker	263 Hours
Outreach	1 Visit

Prenatal and well child care, and hospice services are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

Financial Report

The actual cost of all services provided in 2007 with all funding sources is projected to be $15,966.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2008, we request an appropriation of $518.00 to continue to be available for home care services in Sharon.

Thank you for your consideration.

TOWN OF SHARON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 13, 2007

Moderator:	Hampton Howard
Selectmen:	Chester Bowles, Donald Burgess, Carl Newton
Selectmen's Assistant:	Will Fenno
Minutes:	Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk
Location:	Sharon Meeting House, 432 Route 123, Sharon, N.H.

Moderator Howard called the meeting, to order at 8:05 p.m., noting this to be the first town meeting in the new Sharon Meeting House and offering thanks to all who contributed to making it a reality. Townspeople responded with enthusiastic applause.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Results of the March 13, 2007 voting were as follows:

Selectman, 3 years:	Harry Dermody	68
Treasurer, 1 year:	Joella Hutchinson	68
Town Clerk, 1 year:	Mary Ellen Bushnell	71
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years:	Patricia Jacobson	68

Write in votes as follows:
Selectman, 3 years: Peter Rapp, 1; Liz LaRose, 1; Luke Matson, 1
Treasurer, 1 year: Luke Matson, 2
Town Clerk, 1 year: Luke Matson, 1
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years: Nicolas Jacobson, 1; Luke Matson, 2

Amendments to Sharon Zoning and Building Ordinance as follows:

Article	# of Yes votes	# of No votes
Article V, C.2	62	12
Article XVII	60	11
Article V, J, M	60	9

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTING
Moderator Howard reported the results of the March 13, 2007 School District voting:

School Article:	# of Yes votes	# of No votes
#1	43	31
#2	45	29
#3	47	27
#4	57	17
#5	66	7

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to set the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto:

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Selectmen	$1,500 per year
Selectmen's Assistant	$15 per hour
Town Clerk	$2,500 per year plus fees and $10 per hour for elections
Deputy Town Clerk	$600 per year
Collector of Taxes	$2,500 per year plus fees
Deputy Collector of Taxes	$600 per year
Treasurer	$1,500 per year
Trustees of Trust Funds	$50 per year
Moderator	$40 per session
Deputy Moderator	$10 per hour

Supervisors of the Checklist	$10 per hour
Fire Warden	$100 per year
Building Site Inspector	$75 per permit issued
Emergency Management Director	$500 per year
Deputy Emergency Management Director	$250 per year

Motion to move Article 2 by Carl Newton, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Carl Newton noted the addition of compensation for a Deputy Emergency Management Director, though no one currently holds that position.

All in favor, Article 2 passes

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
4130	Executive	16,000
4140	Election and Registration	8,500
4150	Financial Administration	23,000
4153	Legal Expenses	4,000
4191	Planning and Zoning	4,000
4194	General Government Building	4,000
4195	Cemeteries	1,000
4196	Insurance	1,900
4215	Ambulance	3,542
4220	Fire	39,151
4240	Building Site Inspection	450
4290	Emergency Management	1.840
4300	Highways	62,000
4316	Street Lighting	275
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	32,155
4411	Health Administration	200
4414	Animal Control	100
4441	Welfare	3,000
4619	Conservation Commission	665
4711	Principal on Long Term Note	24.510
4721	Interest on Long Term Note	15,138
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation	300

Motion to move Article 3 by Will Fenno, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Will Fenno explained several increases over last year's budget for services Sharon receives from Peterborough (ambulance, fire, police, recycle center) and repayment on the building loan. There was a question on the nature of the loan and on what amount of principal interest is paid. Mr. Fenno and Mr. Chet Bowles explained that the money was made available through a line of credit with an interest rate that was fixed at the time the loan was initiated. Interest is paid only on amount borrowed and not on the maximum amount approved. A new amortization schedule will be issued when the loan is closed in April. Account 4550, Library, has been removed from the account list and is dealt with in Article 11.

All in favor, Article 3 passes

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $518 for Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 4 by Don Burgess, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Don Burgess explained that the amount requested in Article 4 represents the amount requested by the organization. The services of this agency are available to Sharon residents.

All in favor, Article 4 passes.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $460 for Monadnock Family Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 5 by Don Burgess, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Don Burgess explained that the amount requested in Article 5 represents the amount requested by the organization. The services of this agency are available to Sharon residents.

All in favor, Article 5 passes.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 1980 and expended in full in 2004, and to discontinue the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 and expended in full in 2006, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 7 by Will Fenno, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Will Fenno noted that the Department of Revenue Administration requires a vote to discontinue a fund when the amounts in that fund have been expended.

All in favor, Article 7 passes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,950 for appraisal services including general assessing, data verification and statistical update, Account 4150, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 7 by Don Burgess, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Don Burgess explained that the money represents a 5 year contract with varying work and expenses.

All in favor, Article 7 passes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,400 to be placed in the Assessment Reserve Fund Account 4913.5, previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to move Article 8 by Don Burgess, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Don Burgess explained that the state requires regular property assessment updates every 5 years. The purpose of this article is to add to the reserve fund in order to avoid a surge in the budget at the end of the five-year cycle.

All in favor, Article 8 passes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the optional veterans' tax credit as authorized by RSA 72:28, and to set the amount of the credit at $100, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 9 by Will Fenno, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Will Fenno explained that the increase will bring Sharon's veteran's tax credit more in line with that offered by Sharon's neighboring towns, where the amount varies between $100 and $500.

All in favor, Article 9 passes.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in the Town Highway Repairs Fund 4913.3 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to move Article 10 by Carl Newton, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Carl Newton noted that the town needs to save money against a year when major road repairs are needed.

All in favor, Article 10 passes.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,276 to be paid to the Peterborough Town Library for providing Library services for the Town, Account 4550, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 11 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Hampton Howard

Discussion: Chet Bowles observed that in prior years, the annual town budget has included an amount from which to pay for library cards for Sharon residents who want borrowing privileges at the Peterborough Library. Now Peterborough has raised the annual cost per card for non-residents from $50 to $68 and the selectmen decided to put this item into a separate article for a vote at town meeting. The amount proposed in the article covers the number of cards (102) currently held by Sharon residents plus enough for five more. If this article does not pass, Sharon residents will have to purchase their own library cards. In the lively discussion that ensued, a number of suggestions were made, including: budgeting town money to pay for cards only for juveniles (children 18 and under); for students only; for one card per household. Harry Dermody reported that individuals could purchase a library card in another town, Jaffrey for example, where the cost for a card is considerably less. It was noted that individuals may still use the library for free, but without borrowing privileges. Gina Goff asked for a show of hands of those present who have library cards and who are active users. In response, many hands went into the air, though no count was taken. Finally, Rich Dufresne recommended voting in favor of the article and studying options more thoroughly for presentation at next year's town meeting.

In a voice vote, the ayes prevailed over a small number of nays, and Article 11 passes.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $35,297 to be paid to the Town of Peterborough for providing Police Emergency Services for the Town, Account 4210, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 12 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Chet Bowles reported that the Selectmen are immensely pleased with Sharon's agreement with the Peterborough police. Other attendees also reported their awareness of the police presence in town. The police department sends detailed monthly reports of its activity in Sharon; these reports are available upon request.

All in favor, Article 12 passes.

ARTICLE 13. (Submitted by petition) To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change, which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Sharon. These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies, thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Sharon encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emissions reductions within their communities, and asks our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

Motion to move Article 13 by Mitch Call, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Mitch Call, representing the Carbon Coalition, discoursed on the current and future impacts of climate change on the lives and occupations of residents in our area.

All in favor, Article 13 passes.

ARTICLE 14. (Submitted by petition) To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the local and state levels:

> Resolved: We, the citizens of Sharon, believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. "The Pledge" perpetuates a burdensome property tax by preventing discussion of any alternatives. We urge our elected officials to reject "The Pledge," have an open discussion covering all options, and to adopt a revenue system that relieves the property tax burden.

Motion to move Article 14 by Linda Claff, seconded by Hampton Howard.

Discussion: Linda Claff, on behalf of Mark Fernald who arrived later, presented the message of the Granite State Fair Tax Coalition. Will Fenno observed that supporting this petition article was worthy, but further urged that individuals write their own letters to legislators urging reform. Mr. Kenton Young noted that historically, anyone taking on this cause was committing political suicide.

All in favor, Article 14 passes.

ARTICLE 15. To transact any other business which legally shall come before this meeting.

1. Will Fenno. The selectmen have learned that donations for which towns receive nothing in return are illegal. Private donations to Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter (MATS) are encouraged.
2. Carl Newton. Selectmen meetings are changing from Thursdays to first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
3. The Barking Dog water company (Ms. Posy Bass), which is partly located in Sharon, is scheduled for a public hearing in Jaffrey soon. Ms. Bass proposes to pump water all day every day, for public water supply and for bottling. This endeavor might well jeopardize the water supply in wells on Sharon properties. Harry Dermody and Sue Bowles requested a public hearing in Sharon as well. Mr. Fenno asserted that he would seek one.
4. Karen DeBonis. for the Conservation Commission. In honor of Earth Day, there will be a roadside cleanup of Route 124 in Sharon. Volunteers may sign up in advance, or just arrive at the Sharon Meeting House on April 28 from 9am to noon.
5. Selinda Chiquoine, for the Sharon Meeting House Landscaping Committee. Volunteers, money, equipment and plants are needed for landscaping the new building. The next committee meeting is Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at the meetinghouse. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Linda Claff is preparing a wish list for a memorial garden to be located between the Red Brick Schoolhouse and the new building. Townspeople will be invited to contribute plants or other items for someone they wish to memorialize there.
6. Rich Dufresne, for the Building Committee. Praise for the efforts of the Capital Campaign Committee was overlooked at the February celebration dedicating the Sharon Meeting House. Donations are still arriving.
7. Chet Bowles. The Sharon Meeting House commemorative picture book is still available by special order.
8. Chet Bowles. The archive room in the basement of the Sharon Meeting House is ready to receive town records that may be stored in private homes. Residents who have records to turn over, are urged to organize and annotate them, then call Chet or Will Fenno to arrange delivery. Volunteers who would be interested in working with archives should contact Chet or Will.
9. Carl Newton. Donations are needed to defray the cost of materials that Sue Bowles purchased for the meeting room cushions and window valances.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ellen Bushnell

Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk

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